THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

J.D. Duford et al.

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POWER WORK TOOLS HAVING A SLIM PROFILE

PETITION FOR 3-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101 October 29, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action, dated April 29, 2004, set to expire on July 29, 2004, be extended by three months to expire on October 29, 2004. In response to the Office Action, a continuation application is being filed concurrently herewith (our Docket No. JORC-1-23921).

Enclosed is our check No. 159112 in the amount of \$490.00 (three months).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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